

CITY OF BUELLTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 14, 2019
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sierra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Art Mercado and John Sanchez, Vice Mayor Ed Andrisek and Mayor Holly Sierra

Via Telephone: Council Member Dave King

Staff: City Manager Marc Bierdzinski, City Attorney Greg Murphy, Public Works Director Rose Hess, Planning Director Andrea Keefer, and City Clerk Linda Reid

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shoshanah Schwartz, Buellton, spoke about the Buellton Senior Center Fundraiser on February 28 at Mattei's Tavern, featuring Rhonda Vincent and the Rage and provided a handout for the record.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes of January 24, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 2. List of Claims to be Approved and Ratified for Payment to Date for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

MOTION:

Motion by Council Member Mercado, seconded by Council Member King, approving Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 as listed.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council Member King – Yes

Council Member Mercado – Yes

Council Member Sanchez - Yes

Vice Mayor Andrisek – Yes

Mayor Sierra – Yes

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS

Council Member Sanchez stated he attended Ronald Reagan’s birthday party last week and was honored to tow his ranch vehicle off the mountain. Council Member Sanchez is working with the Buellton Visitors Bureau and City staff to display Reagan memorabilia at the Visitors Center.

Vice Mayor Andrisek announced that former resident Lew Adkins passed away last week, who was instrumental in getting handicapped accessible improvements along Highway 246.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the IBEW 413 training program at their Buellton facility and provided an overview of the program.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the first Family Film Festival at the Park Theater and said it was very enjoyable.

Mayor Sierra thanked Public Works Director Hess for installing temporary no parking signs on McMurray Road and thanked Council Member Sanchez for removing a tree branch for a resident in Thumbelina.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member King stated he attended the Economic Development Task Force meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

Council Member Mercado announced that he attended the Joint-Use Committee meeting on February 12 and provided an oral report for the record.

Mayor Sierra announced that she attended the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments North County Sub-Regional meeting and provided an oral report for the record.

BUSINESS ITEMS

3. Consideration of New Video Equipment and Videographer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provide direction for upgrading the Council Chambers video equipment and adding a video operator and if approved, amend the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for operating and/or capital costs as appropriate.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director Hess presented the staff report and provided a handout for the record.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- How many complaints the City has received with the current video process
- How many viewers are watching the meetings
- Possibly adjust the current camera to focus on speakers
- Prepare a questionnaire to include with the water bill to find out whether residents are interested in an upgraded video system

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to determine whether residents want an upgraded video system installed via a water bill survey and report the results back to Council.

4. Discussion and Direction Regarding Salary Survey Results

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council direct staff regarding either agendaizing a salary increase for some or all staff members or agendaizing the approval of a contract for an outside agency to conduct a more formal salary survey.

STAFF REPORT:

H.R. Director Reid presented the staff report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff report with attachments as listed in the staff report.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

The City Council discussed the following issues:

- Increasing the salaries of the three Fieldworker classifications
- Performing an outside salary survey to include benefits
- Annual fiscal impact of the three Fieldworker classifications
- Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff to be addressed during the budget workshop

DIRECTION:

The City Council agreed by consensus to request that staff bring back a resolution that references a new salary schedule to increase the Lead Maintenance & Utility Fieldworker by 15%, Journeyman Maintenance & Utility Fieldworker by 10%, and Maintenance & Utility Fieldworker I by 10%.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bierdzinski provided an informational report to the City Council.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

**5. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

Title: City Manager

The City Council met in closed session to discuss Item 5. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sierra adjourned the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Holly Sierra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid
City Clerk